

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign Exchange Earnings from Exports

3879. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the items which registered an upward trend to exports on account of liberalised trade policy;

(b) the countries with which exports have registered an upward trend during the past six months; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned during the past six months as compared to the corresponding period in the preceding year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The trade data is compiled on financial year basis. The principal commodities which registered an increase in exports during the period April–December, 1991, the latest period for which commodity and country break up is currently available, as compared to the corresponding period of April–December, 1990 include: Agricultural and allied products, Chemical & related products, Marine Products, Ores & Minerals, Gems & Jewellery, Engineering Goods, Electronics and Computer Software, Textiles, Handicrafts, Carpets, etc.

(b) The principal countries in respect of which India's exports registered an increase

during April–December, 1991 as compared to April–December, 1990 include: Republic of Korea, United Arab Emirates, Iran, Malaysia, Hongkong, Saudi Arabia, Australia, Netherlands, Canada, Italy, Singapore, Thailand, USA, Belgium, Japan, Switzerland, French, Morocco, UK, Federal Republic of Germany, Sweden, Yugoslavia, etc.

(c) India's exports to the General Currency Area amounted to Rs. 30914 crores during April–January 1991–92 as compared to Rs. 21427 crores during April–January 1990–91 thereby registering a growth of 44.3%. In dollar terms, India's exports to General Currency Area increased by 5.7%, India's exports to Rupee Payment Area amounted to Rs. 3785 crores during April–January 1991–92 as compared to Rs. 4809 crores during April–January, 1990–91 thereby registering a decline of 21.3%. In dollar terms, India's exports to Rupee Payment Area declined by 42.3%.

Common High Court

3880. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal for a common High Court Act; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGA RAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.